

New Digital Services from the BIPM



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Resolution 2

“On the global digital transformation and International System of Units”

Encourages

the CIPM to undertake the development and promotion of an SI Digital Framework, that will include the following features:

- a globally accepted digital representation of the SI, compatible with, and useable within, digital data exchange standards and protocols, whilst maintaining compatibility with existing non-digital solutions,
- facilitating use of digital certificates in the existing robust infrastructure for the world-wide recognition and acceptance of calibration and measurement capabilities,
- the adoption of the FAIR principles (Findable, Accessible, Interoperable, and Reusable) for digital metrological data and metadata, ensuring that other communities recognize the critical importance of metrological traceability for measurement data, the latter being an established requisite for building trust.

The Joint Statement

"On the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure"

Digital Transformation

Joint Statement of Intent *On the digital transformation in the international scientific and quality infrastructure*

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We the undersigned undertake to support in a way appropriate to each organisation the development, implementation, and promotion of the SI Digital Framework as part of a wider digital transformation of the international scientific and quality infrastructure.



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What are **digital references**?

- A persistent identifier (PI or PID) is a long-lasting reference to a document, file, web page, or other object.
- you can plug it into a web browser and be taken to the identified source.

Barcodes



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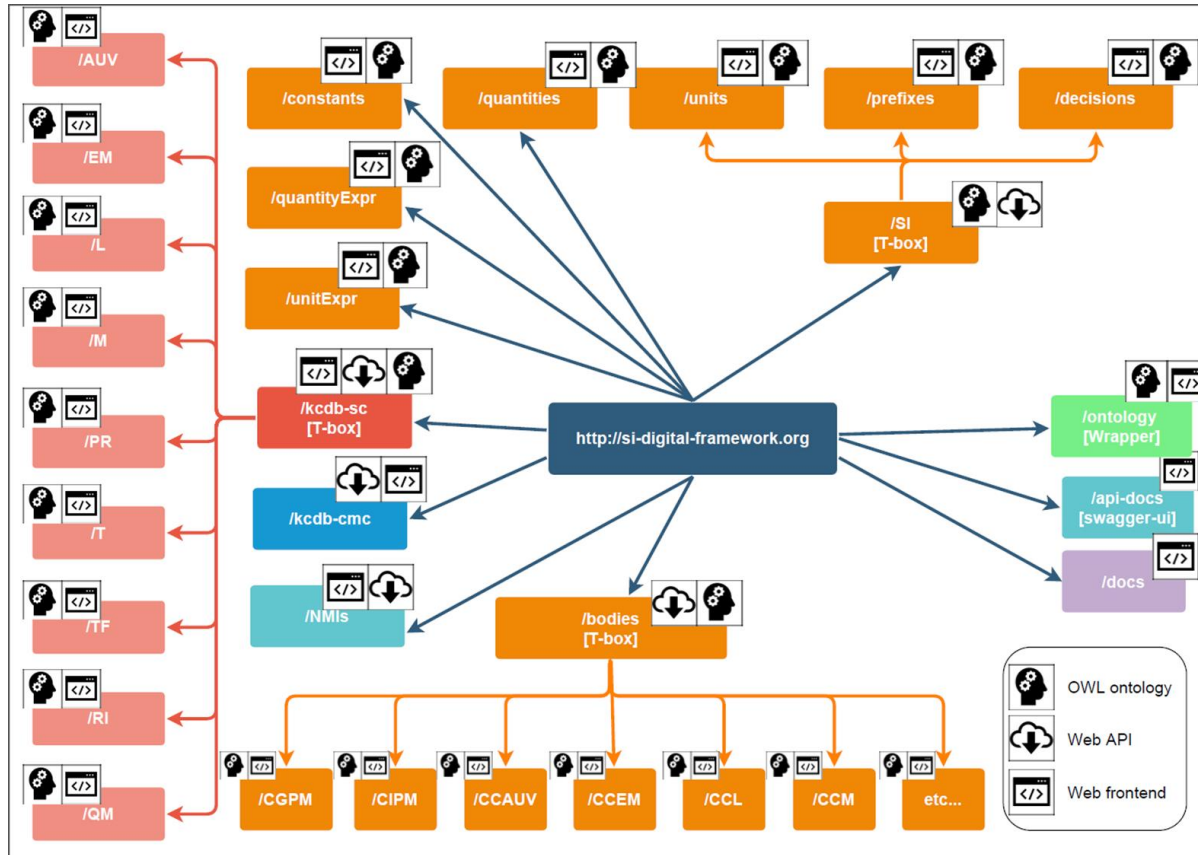
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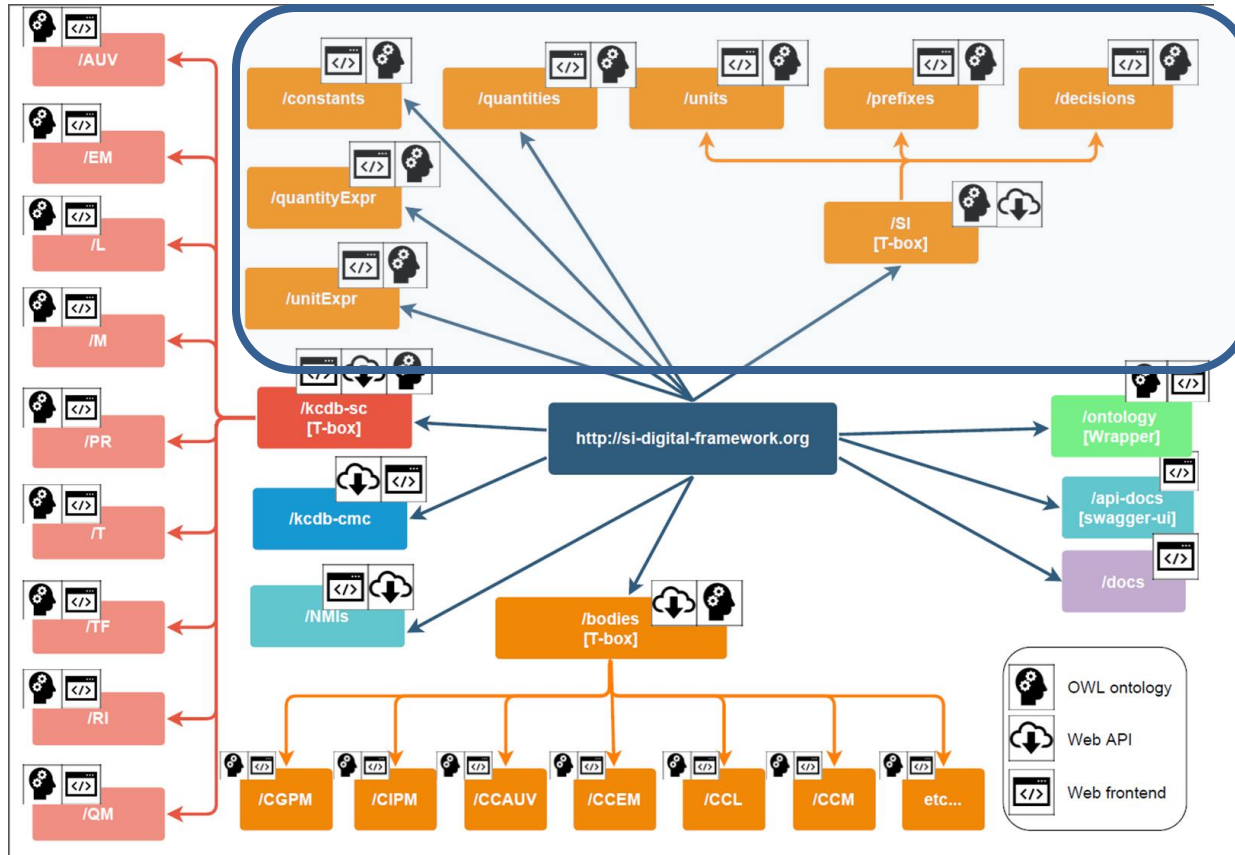
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SI Reference Point

- Semantically encoded reference for the SI Brochure
- Definitions of units, prefixes
- References for the defining constants
- References for the quantities in the SI Brochure – being extended to the quantities in the KCDB...

Accessible:

- Through a web browser (pre-programmed calls)
- Through an API (pre-programmed calls)
- Through SPARQL queries (open queries of the underlying knowledge graphs)

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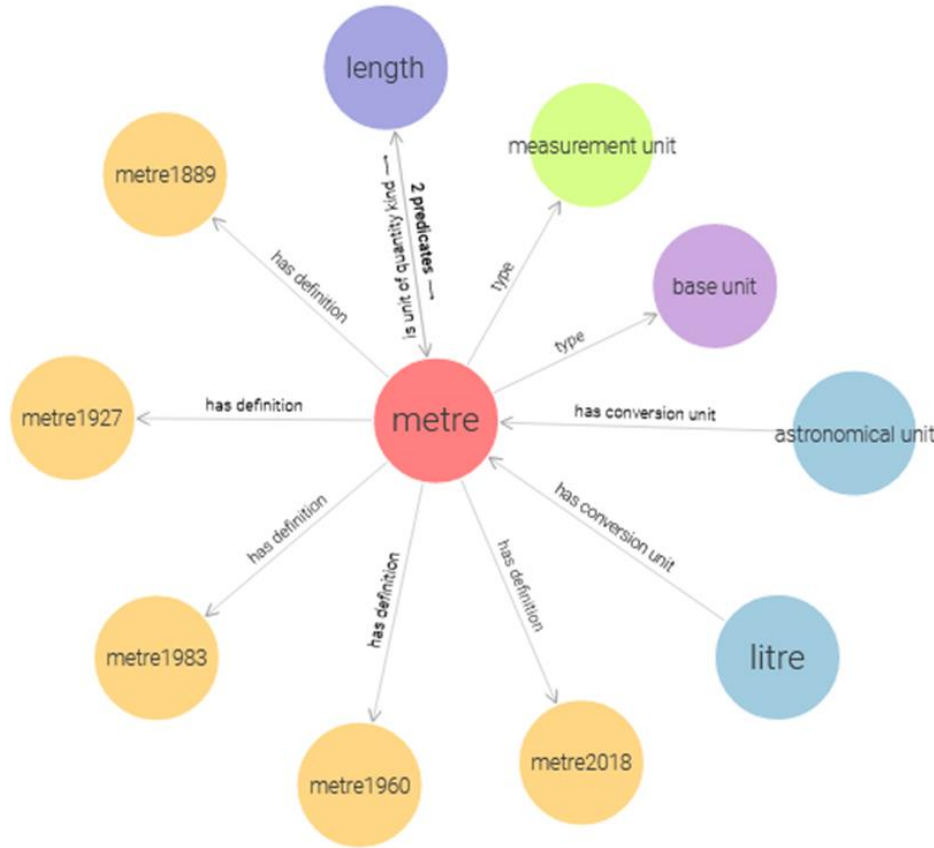
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SI REFERENCE POINT

Version: 1.0, last update: 12/09/2023

metre

The metre, symbol **m**, is the SI unit of length. It is defined by taking the fixed numerical value of the speed of light in vacuum, c , to be **299 792 458** when expressed in the unit m s^{-1} , where the second is defined in terms of the caesium frequency $\Delta\nu_{\text{Cs}}$.

This definition is valid from 2019-05-20

[← Previous Definition](#)

Unit	metre
Symbol	m
Quantity	length
Defining Constant	speed of light
Defining Resolution	CGPM Resolution 1 (2018)
Unit Type	SI base unit
Defining Equation	$1 \text{ m} = \left(\frac{c}{299\,792\,458} \right) \text{s} = \frac{9\,192\,631\,770}{299\,792\,458} \frac{c}{\Delta\nu_{\text{Cs}}} \approx 30.663\,319 \frac{c}{\Delta\nu_{\text{Cs}}}$

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Timeline

- Alpha-testing completed
- Initial beta-testing from beginning of October
- Open beta-testing from beginning of November

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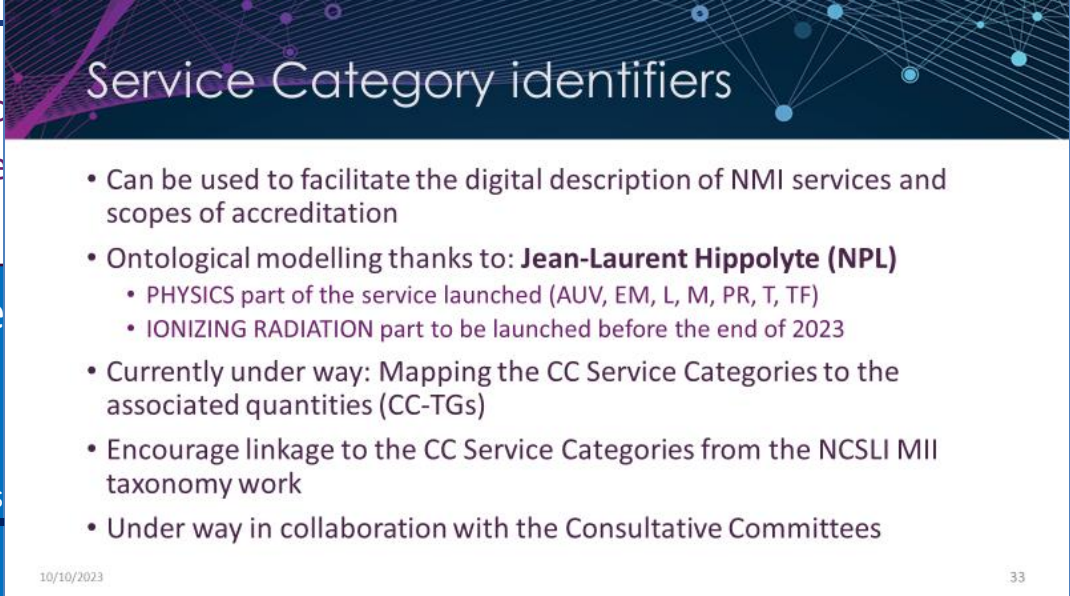
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A slide titled "Service Category identifiers" with a network diagram background. It lists several points about the digital description of NMI services and accreditation, including ontological modelling by Jean-Laurent Hippolyte (NPL) and current work on mapping CC Service Categories to associated quantities (CC-TGs).

Service Category identifiers

- Can be used to facilitate the digital description of NMI services and scopes of accreditation
- Ontological modelling thanks to: **Jean-Laurent Hippolyte (NPL)**
 - PHYSICS part of the service launched (AUV, EM, L, M, PR, T, TF)
 - IONIZING RADIATION part to be launched before the end of 2023
- Currently under way: Mapping the CC Service Categories to the associated quantities (CC-TGs)
- Encourage linkage to the CC Service Categories from the NCSLI MII taxonomy work
- Under way in collaboration with the Consultative Committees

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Service category identifiers

CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES

si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-sc/M

Metrology Area: **Mass And Related Quantities** [Kcdb](#)

- M/Mass Mass
- M/Dens Density
- ▾ **M/Pres Pressure**

M/Pres-3 Pressure

- M/Pres-3.1 Absolute pressure**
 - M/Pres-3.1.1 Gas medium
 - M/Pres-3.1.2 Liquid medium
- M/Pres-3.2 Gauge pressure**
 - M/Pres-3.2.1 Gas medium
 - M/Pres-3.2.2 Liquid medium

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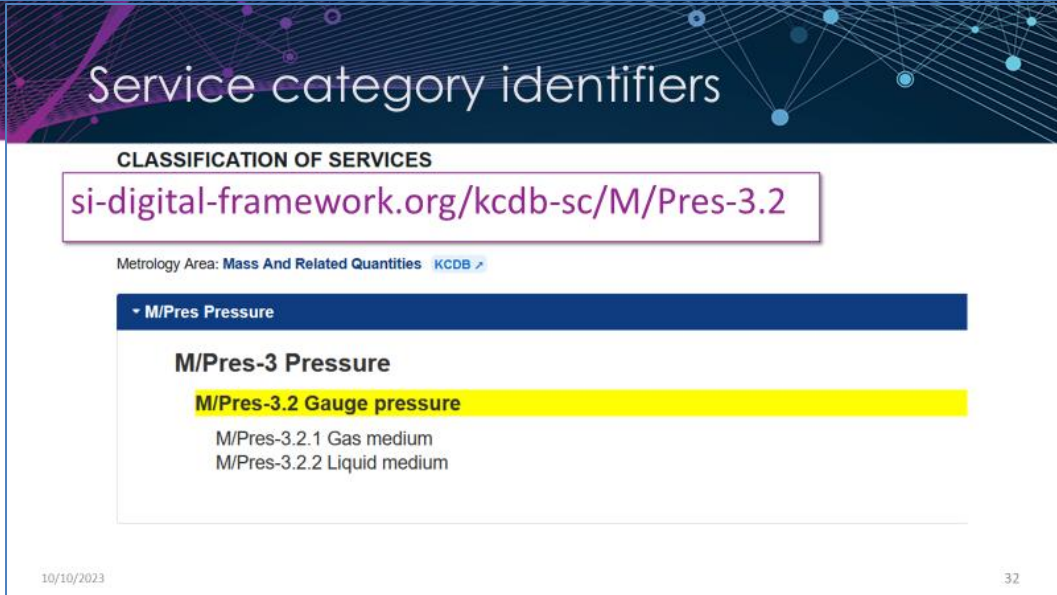
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The screenshot displays a web page titled "Service category identifiers" with the URL si-digital-framework.org/kcdb-sc/M/Pres-3.2. The page is categorized under "CLASSIFICATION OF SERVICES" and "Metrology Area: Mass And Related Quantities". A dropdown menu shows "M/Pres Pressure" expanded to reveal "M/Pres-3 Pressure", which is further expanded to show "M/Pres-3.2 Gauge pressure". Below this, two sub-categories are listed: "M/Pres-3.2.1 Gas medium" and "M/Pres-3.2.2 Liquid medium". The page includes a date "10/10/2023" and a page number "32".



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- Facilitating the use of digital data

- ROR: Research Organization Registry



<https://ror.org>

- Wikidata



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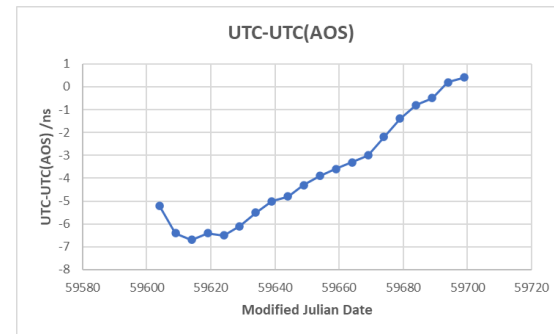
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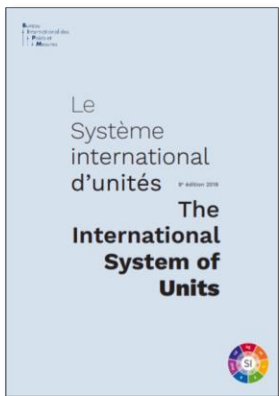
The SI-digital framework provides the basis for new Digital Transformation actions in the CCs. Examples:

- CCL/CCTF** database for wavelength and frequency standards for the Mise en Pratique of the meter and the second with API access
- CCTF** demonstration API to allow UTC labs to access Time Dept database directly
- CCRI** digital comparison report formats
- CCQM** FAIR data workshop
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At the BIPM we are -

- supporting open data practices by providing digital reference points and machine-accessible data,
- providing the anchor of trust for metrology data.



The development of the SI Digital Framework has been a collaborative effort.

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